



Connecticut Office on
Culture and Tourism



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Special Meeting
Culture & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
Department of Economic & Community Development
Connecticut Office on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza/Conference Call
Hartford, Connecticut
Monday, December 22, 2011
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Present: All via conference call: Chairman Michael Price, Dick Allen, Frank Borres, Charles Bunnell, Carolyn Cicchetti, Anne Elvgren, Betty Hale, Helen Higgins, Fritz Jellinghaus, Renny Loisel, Stuart Parnes, Ann Sheffer, Will Wilkins, Walter Woodward and Ted Yudain

Absent: Nicholas Bellantoni, Arthur Diedrick, Philip Eliasoph, Hans Hartman, Herbert Jay, Larry McHugh, Guy Ortoleva, Paul Pozzi, and Rita Schmidt

Staff & Guests: DECD Main Conference Room: Kip Bergstrom, David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, and Leigh Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on December 22, 2011 and was called to order by Chairman Michael Price.

II. ACTION ITEMS

- a) On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Anne Elvgren, the Culture & Tourism Advisory Committee approved the Urban Canvas Project up to \$1,000,000 for grants to Connecticut Cities (regional, cultural, and employment centers) to implement large scale urban murals on blank walls of structures in those cities to enhance the "place-making" of urban centers. Included in this sum will be \$5,000 in application preparation funds for each of 10 cities that apply funds to implement the murals, and funds for a "Durational Project Manager" to coordinate artists and mural production. (Y-11, N-0)

It was suggested and recommended to include "matching funds" language and criteria in the grant application guidelines.

- b) On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Culture & Tourism Advisory Committee approved the "Place-Making" Planning Grant program up to \$550,000 for grants to regional arts agencies to define priorities for collaborative and innovative "place-making" projects, which will be the focus of arts funding in FY13. A portion of the \$550,000 may be used not only for planning, but also for implementation of pilot projects in FY 2012. (Y-11, N-0)
- c) On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Culture & Tourism Advisory Committee approved the "New Directions" statement for Connecticut Office of the Arts. (Y-11, N-0)



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- d) *On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Culture & Tourism Advisory Committee approved a non-matching grant in the amount of \$200,000 to Shakesperience Productions, Inc. to support the planning, implementation and management of Connecticut's 2012 Hot School program. (Y-11, N-0)*

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and so moved. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, Main Conference Room.